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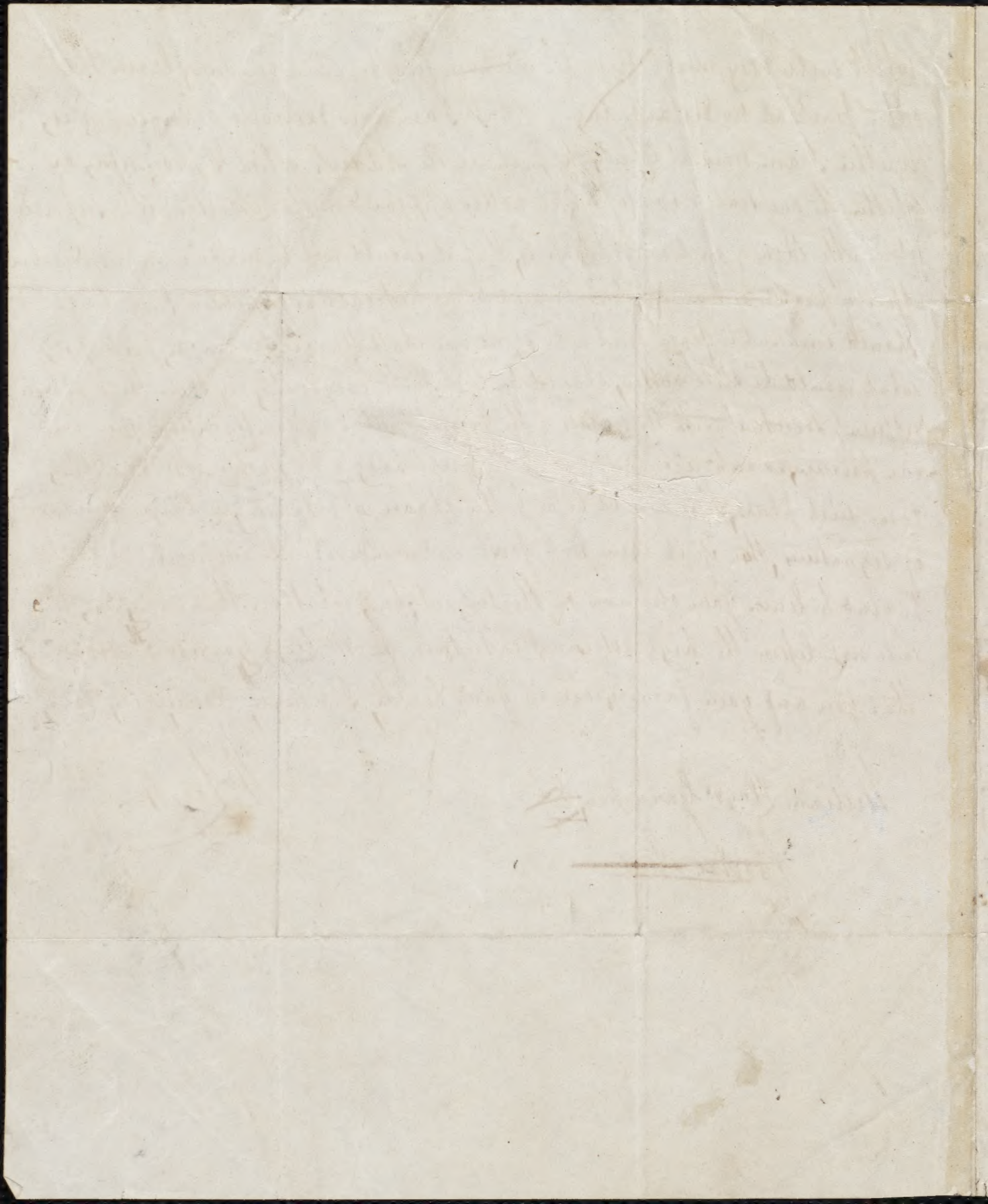
My Dear Friend:

I very much regret that many circumstances have transpired to prevent me from writing to you before, but, since I saw you last, I have met with very many personal disagreeables, which have so fully occupied my time and attention, that I have not been able to do what I anticipated in favour of that great cause, of which you have been both prophet and martyr for many years. I have, however, made a point of attending most of the council meetings of the League, and I rejoice to say that, though our means have been limited, it has proved an instrument of great good. It has helped to purify the ranks of evangelical dissent from the crime of slavery, despite the slaveholders' apologists and abettors. It has also made the subject of slavery plain and familiar to the minds of the millions, and is fast teaching them that slavery, in every land, is but a link in the same great chain of oppression which binds the multitude in all countries and climes. If no other good resulted from your voyage to England, than the formation of the Anti-Slavery League, joined to your plain-speaking appeals, and the numerous addresses of friends Thompson, Douglas, and Wright, be assured that these alone will

produce fruit in season to fully compensate you and them for your labours. You may probably remember, that, when you were in town, we spent a very instructive and pleasant evening at our respected friend's, Mr. Parry's. On that occasion, you and Mr. Wright requested me to draw up an Address on the subject of American slavery, similar in spirit to that which I had previously drawn up on the subject of the war spirit which existed between the two countries. This, if I recollect rightly, I promised to perform to the best of my ability; and my eloquent friend, Mr. Vincent, promised to aid in procuring signatures to it. Soon after this however, I was so completely engaged in matters I have before alluded to, that, up to this time, I have hitherto been compelled, very reluctantly, to defer the execution of my promise. Seeing, however, a copy of last month's Liberator, I find that another person has taken upon himself the task, and that you seem to approve of his doing so. Now, this I must confess, somewhat surprised me; not that I am presumptuous enough to imagine that I am better qualified for the labour than the person who has thus voluntarily taken the work out of my hands, but after you had announced, at different meetings, that myself and Mr. Vincent had undertaken to prepare such an Address, I think I might have had some intimation given me, that a more able person had been found, lest the public might have supposed that I had been found unwilling or unworthy. I fear that you my good friend was only made acquainted with the plausible part of that gentleman's character when you were in town, or else you would not have designated him as your "esteemed friend

which will very much serve his purpose for a bit, but you may learn the other part at no distant day. What I am now desirous of knowing is, whether I am now at liberty to prepare the Address which I promised, or whether the one sent to you (of which notice appeared in the Liberator) is to supersede it. My idea of such an Address is, that it should not be made a mere individual affair of profit or honour, but should be as national as possible. I think it should emanate from such a body as our Anti-Slavery League; or, perhaps, what would be still better, should be put forth conjointly by some three or four different societies, with the names of the most popular and influential men we can procure, so as to recommend it to the great body of the people. By adopting some such plan, there would be a better chance of obtaining a large number of signatures, than if it were put forth under individual auspices. I shall be glad to learn your opinion on the subject; but, whatever that may be, it will not lessen the high esteem I entertain for Wm Lloyd Garrison. Hoping that you and your family are in good health, I remain, Yours very truly,

William Lloyd Garrison.

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